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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims based upon the following amendments and remarks. Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action and include authorization for payment of the appropriate fee.

**Amendments to Claims** start on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 11 of this paper.

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